

# MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION SERVICES

### M E M O R A N D U M

To: Intermediate and Local Directors of Special Education

From: Richard Baldwin and Carolyn Logan

Subject: Recent Change in Endorsements for Special Education Teachers

Date: November 27, 1996

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that the process for revising Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education as it relates to endorsements for teachers of special education is complete. Effective October 15, 1996, any teacher with a special education endorsement may be assigned to teach in their area of endorsement in any grade K-12 regardless of the level of certificate (elementary or secondary) they hold.

There are no plans to either augment, recall or reissue the elementary and secondary level certificates currently held by special education teachers. The new rule which now permits any elementary or secondary special education endorsed teacher to teach in a program consistent with their category of endorsement will be implemented through assignment in any grade level.

Staff from our respective offices will be working with the teacher preparation institutions to revise programs to assure consistency with this rule change. Also, only candidates who will complete a special education program which has been developed and approved for K-12 will be recommended for a K-12 special education endorsement.

Please contact Ted Beck in the Office of Special Education at (517) 373-6325 or Shawn Witherspoon in the Office of Professional Preparation and Certification at (517) 373-6892 if you have any questions concerning this change in rule.

A copy of the rule is attached. Please feel free to share this information with teachers and other colleagues.

cc: Teacher Education Colleges and Universities